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Dear Mr. Benedict:

Thank you very much for the fascinating briefing on the BART System and the visit to BART facilities in San Francisco on 2 September. I congratulate you on bringing into operation a most impressive project which has set a model for other major American communities to follow.

I am particularly grateful to you for arranging personally to conduct the Saturday tour when you might understandably have preferred to enjoy your weekend elsewhere. I also want to thank you for the two pieces of the third rail which arrived this morning. I shall have them made into bookends to provide a continuing reminder of my visit to BART.

Once again, I would like to express appreciation to you and your colleagues for a most interesting visit.

Faithfully,

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